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## **SIMON APPOINTED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

House Speaker Jim Tucker today announced the appointment of state Rep. Scott Simon to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District on the House Appropriations Committee.

Simon said, "This appointment is an honor since it affords me the opportunity to have a stronger voice in the budget process for my constituents and also for the entire region. A sound budget policy is vital to the state's economic well-being, especially during these difficult times of reduced revenue and looming deficits. I pledge to explore all available options in order to continue vital services for the benefit of all our citizens."

The Appropriations Committee, considered one of the most powerful and influential in the state legislature, has jurisdiction of the state budget including deposit and investment of public monies, expenditure and appropriation of state funds and fiscal control. With the House Ways and Means Committee, it also oversees the state's construction budget.

Simon represents House District 74 which encompasses parts of St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington parishes. He was first elected in 2007.

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